



The Cabinet Forward Plan - August to November 2026 (Publication date – 4 AUGUST 2026)

Explanatory Note:

This Forward Plan contains future items to be considered by the Cabinet and Council. It is published 28 days before the next meeting of the Committee. The plan includes items for the meeting including key decisions. Each item shows if it is 'open' to the public or to be considered in a private part of the meeting.

Definition of Key Decisions

Key decisions are defined in Dorset Council's Constitution as decisions of the Cabinet which are likely to -

- (a) to result in the relevant local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the relevant local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates (**Thresholds - £500k**); or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the relevant local authority."

In determining the meaning of "*significant*" for these purposes the Council will have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 9Q of the Local Government Act 2000 Act. Officers will consult with lead members to determine significance and sensitivity.

Cabinet Members and Portfolios 2026/27

Nick Ireland	Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Communications, Performance & Safeguarding
Richard Biggs	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economic Growth & Strategic Assets
Jon Andrews	Place Services (Cllr J Jeanes effective from 1 September 2026)
Shane Bartlett	Planning and Planning Enforcement
Simon Clifford	Resources & Finance
Matt Bell	Public Health, Prevention & Communities
Steve Robinson	Adult Social Care & Health
Clare Sutton	Children, Families & Education
Gill Taylor	Housing & Homelessness
Ben Wilson	Transformation, Customer & Workforce

Subject / Decision	Decision Maker	Date the Decision is Due	Other Committee(s) consulted and Date of meeting(s)	Portfolio Holder	Officer Contact
2026					

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July 2026 (period 4) financial management report 26/27 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To consider the Period 4 financial management report	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 8 Sep 2026		Cabinet Member for Resources and Finance	<i>Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i>
Additional Procurement Pipeline Report - over £500k (2026 - 27) and Modern Slavery Transparency Statement 2025 - 2026 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open Cabinet is required to approve all key decisions with financial consequences of £500k or more. It is good governance to provide Cabinet with a summary of all proposed procurements, that individually were estimated to be a total value of £500k or more, prior to procurement procedures formally commencing. The Modern Slavery Transparency Statement is required for sign off every September in Law.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 8 Sep 2026		Cabinet Member for Resources and Finance	<i>Richard Freed, Service Manager for Commercial and Procurement richard.freed@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i>

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Modification of Public health Contracts over £500k: 0-19 Public Health Nursing and Sexual Health Services Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Fully exempt To consider a report on the Children and Young People Public Health Nursing Service and the Integrated Sexual Health Service contracts.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 8 Sep 2026		Cabinet Member for Public Health, Prevention & Communities	<i>Jane Horne, Consultant in Public Health</i> <i>jane.horne@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director - Housing, Prevention and Communities (Sam Crowe)</i>
Commercial Property Disposal Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Fully exempt A report seeking approval to the sale of a commercial property.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 8 Sep 2026		Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Economic Growth & Strategic Assets	<i>Jay Ridsdale, Transfers and Disposals Manager</i> <i>jay.ridsdale@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director - Economy and Environment (Jan Britton)</i>
Nutrient Mitigation Delivery Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Fully exempt Seeking approval for land purchase.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 8 Sep 2026		Cabinet Member for Planning and Planning Enforcement	<i>Lyn Cooch, Senior Nutrient Project Officer</i> <i>lyn.cooch@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director - Economy and Environment (Jan Britton)</i>
October 2026					

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Review of Financial Assessment and Care Contributions Policy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open The policy was due to be reviewed and to update the policy in line with some legal challenges to the Care Act 2014 since its implementation. In doing so we have also amalgamated the Financial Assessment and Care Contributions policy and the Deferred Payment Agreement Policy and the two impact significantly on each other.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 6 Oct 2026	People and Health Overview Committee 21 Sep 2026	Cabinet Member for Resources and Finance, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health, Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Communications, Performance & Safeguarding	<i>Nicola Fowler, Financial Assessments Team Manager nicola.fowler@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i>
Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open This is the Dorset Safeguarding Children Partnership's Annual Report 25/26 detailing the Partnership's activity from April 2025-March 2026 and is for Cabinet's information.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 6 Oct 2026		Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education	<i>Megan Cameron-Brown, Head of Quality Assurance and Partnerships megan.cameron-brown@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director - Children's Services (Paul Dempsey)</i>
Void Policy - Housing Solutions Key Decision - No Public Access - Open This policy has been developed to provide an oversight of the requirements in ensuring that vacated units of temporary accommodation are inspected and compliant in a timely manner in order to be relet.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 6 Oct 2026		Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness	<i>Sharon Attwater, Head of Housing sharon.attwater@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director - Housing, Prevention and Communities (Sam Crowe)</i>

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Placement Policy - Housing Solutions Key Decision - No Public Access - Open This policy provides the oversight regarding factors that need to be taken into consideration when securing temporary accommodation for households.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 6 Oct 2026		Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness	<i>Sharon Attwater, Head of Housing</i> sharon.attwater@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk <i>Executive Director - Housing, Prevention and Communities (Sam Crowe)</i>
Sourcing of Temporary Accommodation Policy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open This policy provides the oversight regarding factors that need to be taken into consideration when sourcing temporary accommodation for households.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 6 Oct 2026		Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness	<i>Sharon Attwater, Head of Housing</i> sharon.attwater@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk <i>Executive Director - Housing, Prevention and Communities (Sam Crowe)</i>
Transforming Public Buses and Community Transport Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open A comprehensive review of the Transformation Management Office's (TMO) public buses and community transport options and opportunities. The review sets out the case for change, explores a range of delivery options, and identifies a preferred approach to be taken forward.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 6 Oct 2026		Cabinet Member for Place Services	<i>Owen Clark, Strategic and Policy Team Manager</i> owen.clark@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk <i>Executive Director - Economy and Environment (Jan Britton)</i>

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Re-procurement - Enforcement Agent Provision Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open Dorset Council re-procurement of a council wide contract provision for the engagement of required enforcement agent provisions.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 6 Oct 2026		Cabinet Member for Resources and Finance	<i>Katie Hale, Head of Revenues and Benefits katie.hale@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director - Modernisation and Customer Delivery (Lisa Cotton)</i>
Parking Review and Strategy Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Part exempt To consider the Parking Strategy for Dorset Council.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 6 Oct 2026	Place and Resources Overview Committee 9 Jul 2026	Cabinet Member for Place Services	<i>David Rosselli, Transport & Parking Strategy Lead david.rosselli@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Jack Wiltshire, Corporate Director for Highways and Engineering jack.wiltshire@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director - Economy and Environment (Jan Britton)</i>
Dorset Community Safety Plan 2026 - 2029 Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open New statutory three-year community safety plan for the Dorset Council area. The plan has been written and agreed by the Council and partners through the Dorset Community Safety Partnership and now requires formal adoption by Dorset Council.	Decision Maker Dorset Council	Decision Date 22 Oct 2026	Cabinet 6 Oct 2026 People and Health Overview Committee 21 Sep 2026	Cabinet Member for Housing and Homelessness	<i>Andy Frost, Service Manager for Community Safety andy.frost@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk Executive Director - Housing, Prevention and Communities (Sam Crowe)</i>

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November 2026					
Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP) Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To consider the adoption of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 10 Nov 2026	Place and Resources Overview Committee	Cabinet Member for Place Services	<i>Russell Goff, Senior Ranger</i> <i>russell.goff@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director - Economy and Environment (Jan Britton)</i>
September 2026 (period 6) financial management report 26/27 Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider the period 6 financial management report 2026/27.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 10 Nov 2026		Cabinet Member for Resources and Finance	<i>Sean Cremer, Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Sian Hedger, Deputy s151 Officer</i> <i>sian.hedger@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i>
Crisis and Resilience Fund Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open The policy to back up the Crisis and Resilience Fund Governance.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 10 Nov 2026		Cabinet Member for Public Health, Prevention & Communities	<i>Laura Cornette, Business Partner - Communities and Partnerships</i> <i>Laura.cornette@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director - Modernisation and Customer Delivery (Lisa Cotton)</i>
December 2026					

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Mid year performance update Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To provide an update on mid-year progress in council plan delivery and broader organisational health.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 8 Dec 2026		Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate, Communications, Performance & Safeguarding	<i>Liz Crocker, Head of Strategy</i> <i>liz.crocker@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Chris Heighway, Performance and Analytics Team Manager</i> <i>chris.heidway@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Chief Executive</i>
February 2027					

December 2026 Quarter 3 financial management plan 2026/2027 Key Decision - No Public Access - Open To consider the Quarter 3 financial management plan 2026/27.	Decision Maker Cabinet	Decision Date 2 Feb 2027		Cabinet Member for Resources and Finance	<i>Sean Cremer, Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Sian Hedger, Deputy s151 Officer</i> <i>sian.hedger@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i>
Budget & Medium term financial plan strategy report (MTFP) Key Decision - Yes Public Access - Open To consider the medium Term Financial (MTFP) and budget strategy.	Decision Maker Dorset Council	Decision Date 11 Feb 2027	Cabinet 2 Feb 2027	Cabinet Member for Resources and Finance	<i>Sean Cremer, Director - Resources (Section 151 Officer)</i> <i>sean.cremer@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk, Sian Hedger, Deputy s151 Officer</i> <i>sian.hedger@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk</i> <i>Executive Director, Corporate Development - Section 151 Officer</i>

Private/Exempt Items for Decision

Each item in the plan above marked as 'private' will refer to one of the following paragraphs.

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the shadow council proposes:-
 - (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.